

Justice40

United States Department of Transportation



Background on Justice40

WHAT is Justice40?

President Biden's Jan 2021 **EO14008: Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad** created the governmentwide Justice40 Initiative, establishing the goal that at least **40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities**.

WHY Justice40?

Justice40 aims to address decades of systemic inequitable historical policies and underinvestment in disadvantaged communities. The initiative aims to bring resources to communities most impacted by climate change, pollution, and environmental hazards.

What Justice40 means for the US Department of Transportation (USDOT)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act represent once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, climate resilience, and innovation. Justice40 allows USDOT to identify opportunities and prioritize projects that benefit rural, suburban, tribal, and urban communities facing barriers to affordable, equitable, reliable, and safe transportation. DOT will also assess the negative impacts of transportation projects and systems on disadvantaged communities and will consider if local community leaders have been consulted in a meaningful way during the project's development.

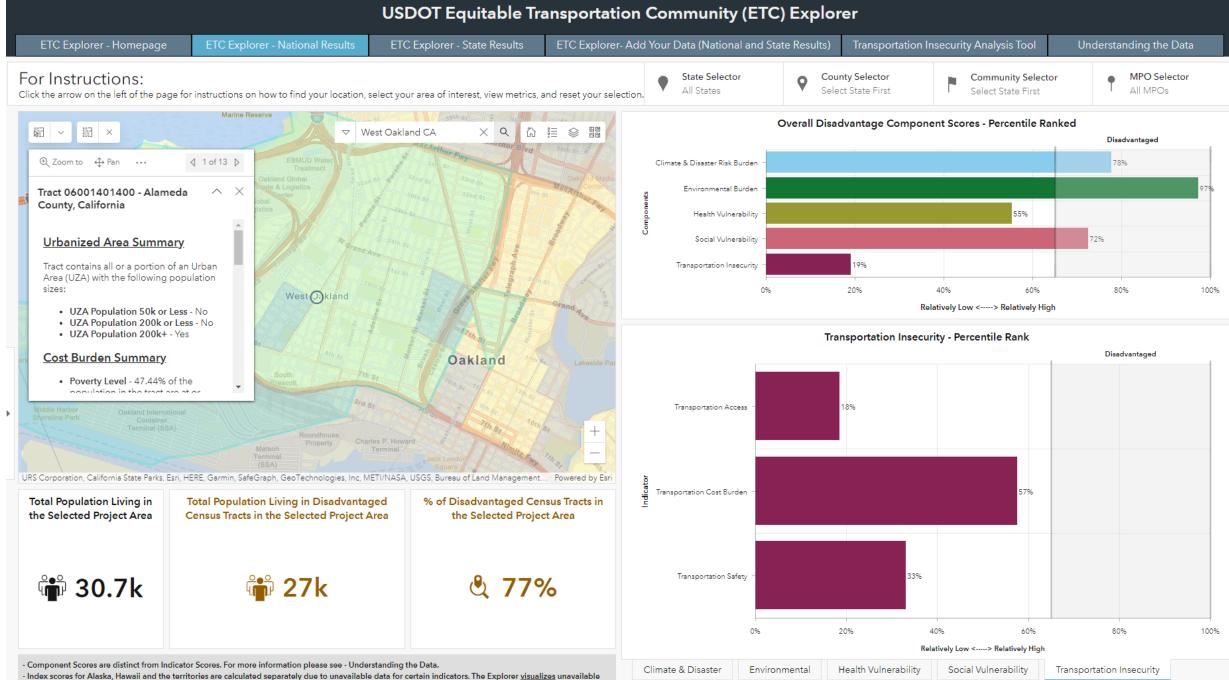


Prioritize Investments



Measure Impact and Improve Effectiveness Strengthen Communities

When decision makers at all levels have the tools to reverse or mitigate the causes of disadvantage, the result is a **higher quality of life and economic prosperity in all communities**.



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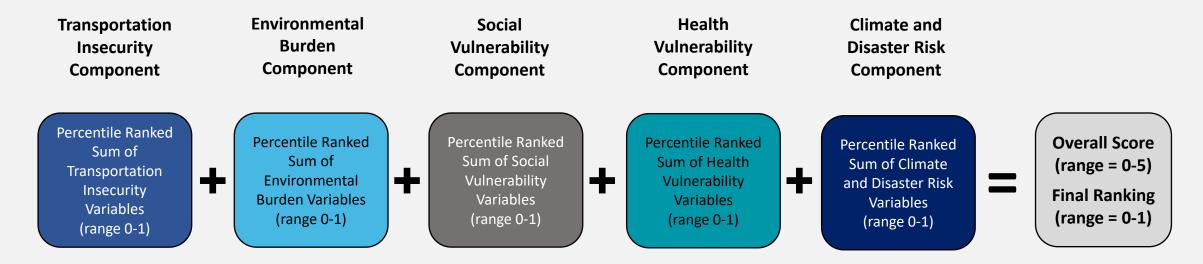
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How does the Disadvantaged Community Index work?

The Disadvantaged Community Index is the basis for identification of transportation disadvantaged communities within the ETC. The methodology is based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Environmental Justice Index (EJI) with the addition of transportation and climate and disaster risk components.

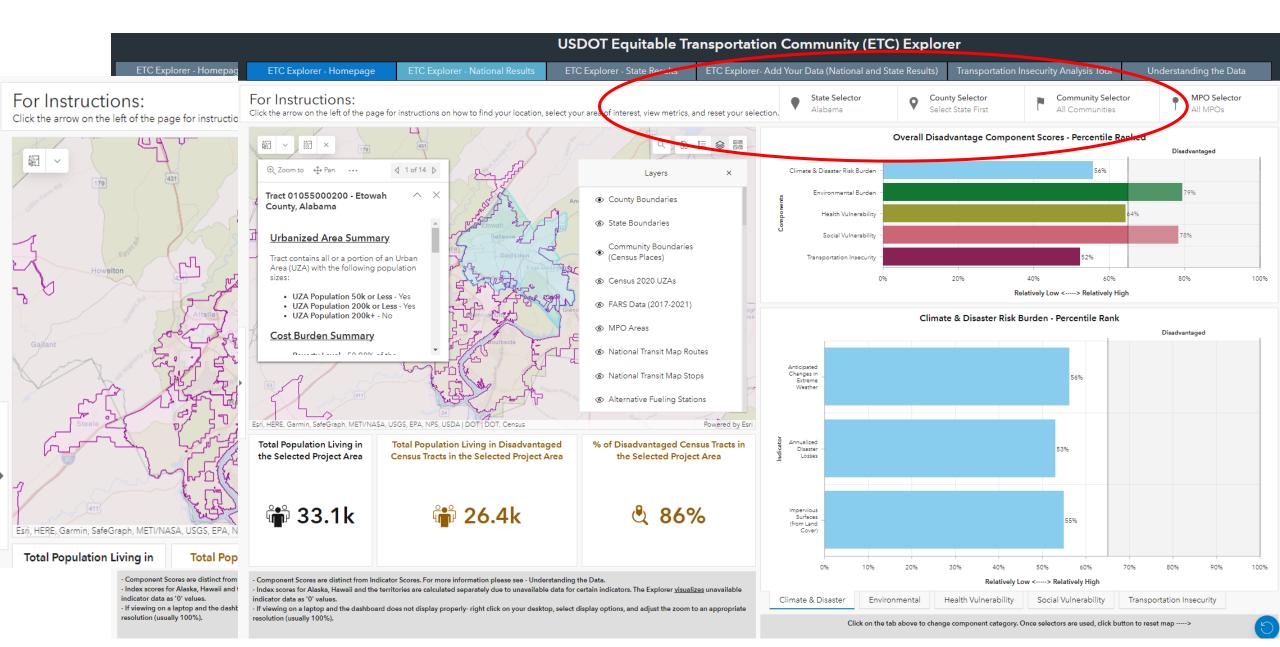
How does the Disadvantaged Community Index Work?

Each of the five components contains indicators. Each indicator has a set of variables that are calculated to eventually provide an overall score and a final ranking.

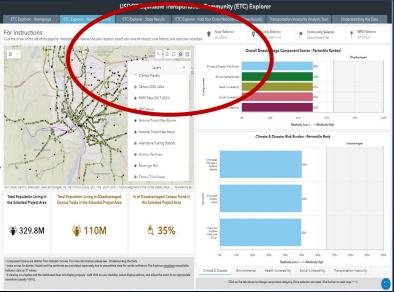


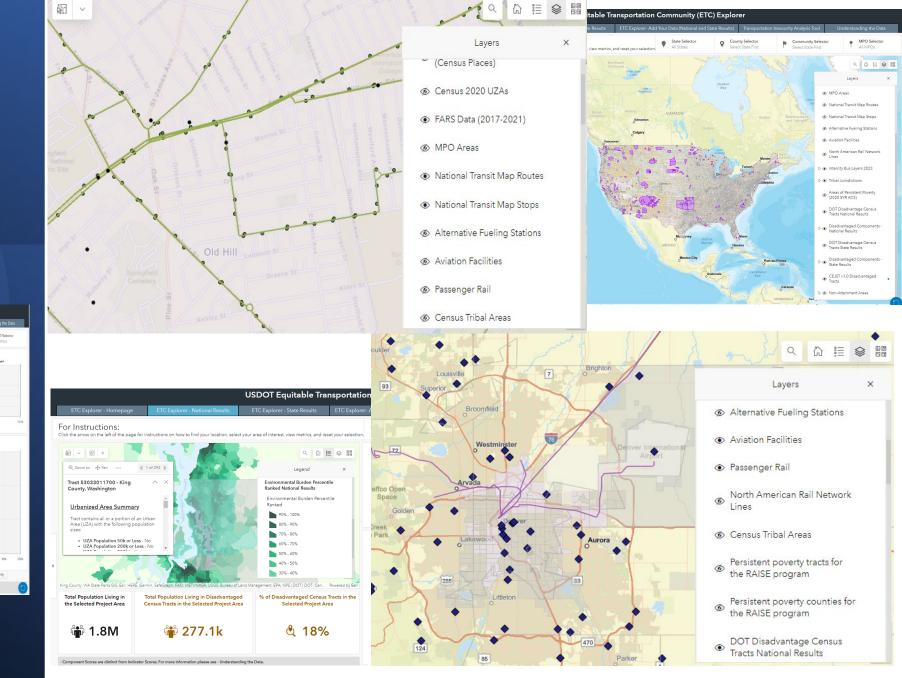
A census tract will be considered disadvantaged if the overall index score places it in the 65th percentile (or higher) of all US census tracts. The 65th percentile cutoff was chosen to be consistent with other tools that measure disadvantage including CEJST.

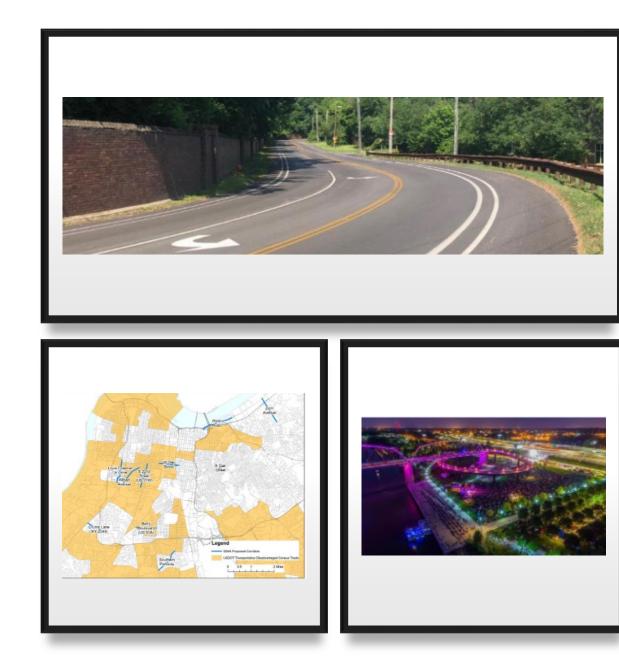
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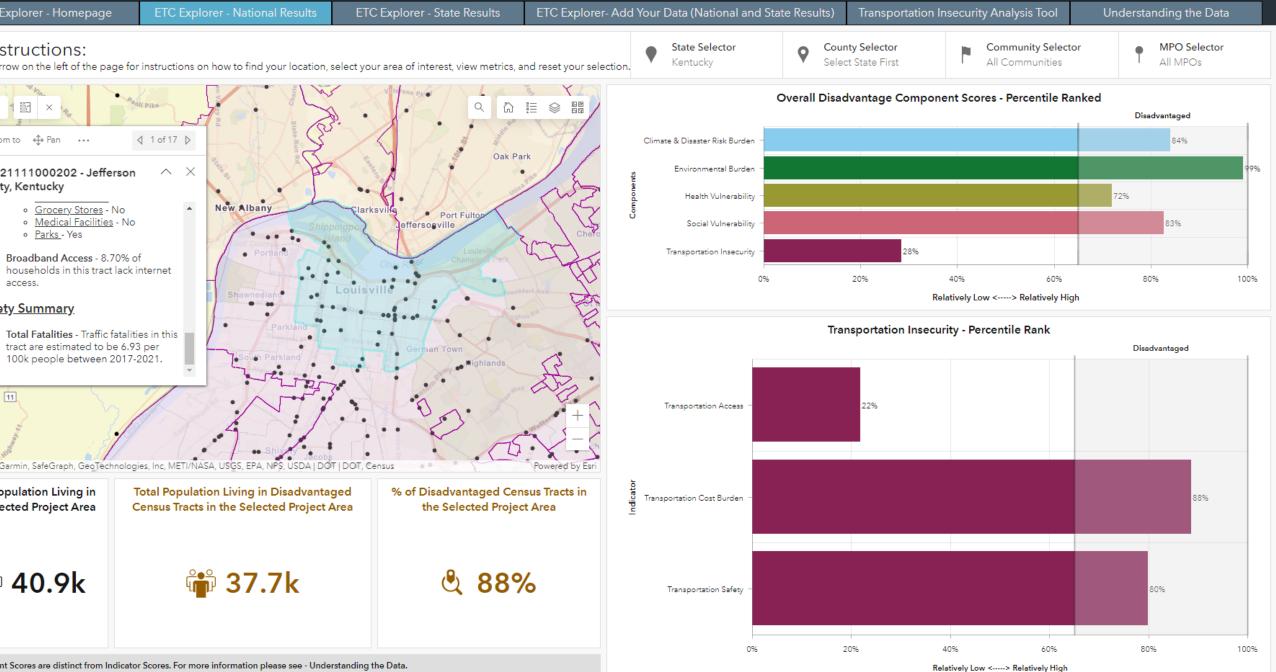
Data Layers











Climate & Disaster

Environmental

Health Vulnerability

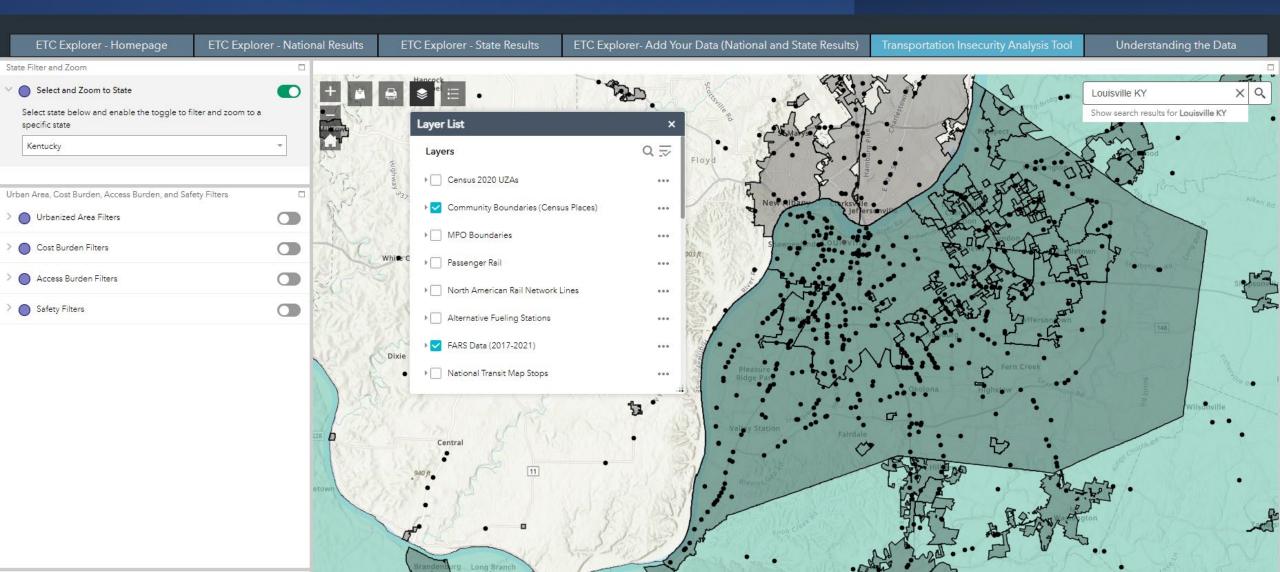
Social Vulnerability

Transportation Insecurity

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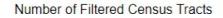
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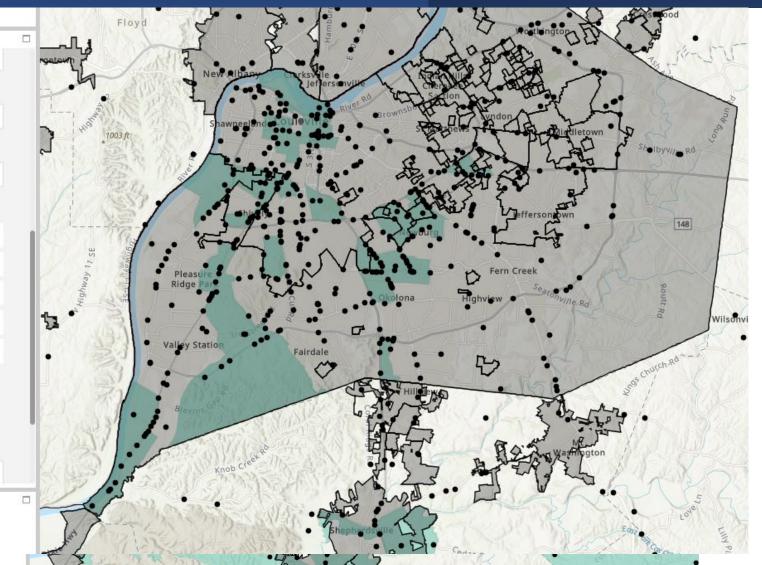
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Above Average	
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Low Average Above Average	

Fatalities are based on the 2017-2021 fatality analysis report system data and categorized by quartiles of per 100k person rates (Zero - 0, Low - 0 to 22.5, Average - 22.6 - 32.95, Above Average - 32.96 -53.83, High - 53.84+)

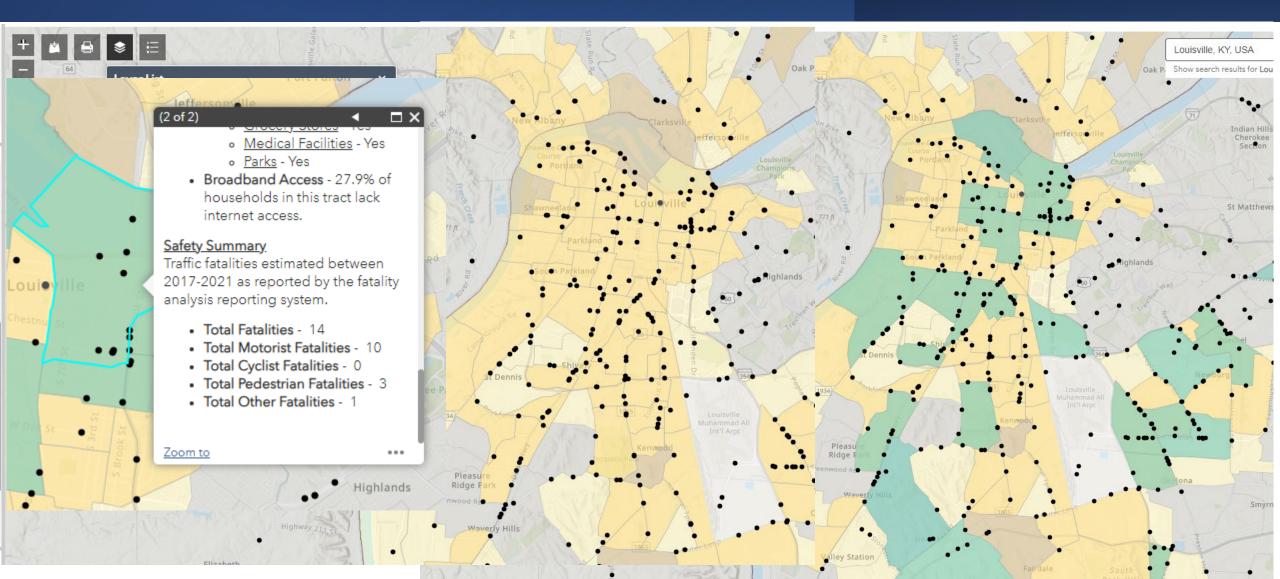
Non Motorist Fatalities per 100k persons is less than

ensus Tract Count





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Overview of Indices

	Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)	Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer
Tool Owner	White House Council on Environmental Quality	US Department of Transportation
	 Helps federal agencies identify disadvantaged communities that will benefit from programs included in the Justice40 Initiative. 	 Helps applicants explore the cumulative burden communities experience that may be associated with transportation
Design Intent	✓ Highlights disadvantaged census tracts across US states and territories for the purpose of calculating benefits to disadvantaged communities under Justice40.	 Complements CEJST by providing users deeper insight into transportation disadvantage and other forms of disadvantage. Index and dashboard provide data and dashboard tools that allow users to understand how a community or project area, which may span multiple census tracts, is experiencing transportation disadvantage.
Index Calculation	 30+ data elements across 8 categories of disadvantage: climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, workforce development Two-factor threshold (climate/environmental/other burden, and socioeconomic) for each of the 8 categories of disadvantage: communities considered disadvantaged if they meet percentile rank-based thresholds for at least one of the categories of burden, or if they are on land within boundaries of Federally Recognized Tribes 	 40+ data elements across 5 categories of disadvantage: Transportation Insecurity, Health Vulnerability, Climate/Hazard Risk Component, Environmental Burden, Socioeconomic Vulnerability One cumulative score for disadvantage across 5 components, Individual variables are normalized using a min-max ranking. These are then added together to create Components. Component scores are added together to rank census tracts. Tracts scoring above the 65 percentile of the cumulative score are disadvantaged.
Data Sources	2010 Census Tracts and data from sources including NOAA, USDOT, FEMA, EPA, Census, BIA, MRLC, DHS, CDC, DOI, and First Street Foundation.	2020 US Census Tracts and data from sources including NOAA, USDOT, FEMA, EPA, Census, BIA, MRLC, DHS, CDC, DOI, and Esri.

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